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## EDITORIAL

THE report of the Royal Medical Benevolent Society of Ireland has just been issued for the year ended April, 1932. It shows an increase in the returns from investments, donations, and subscriptions. This happy state of affairs is a noteworthy one, and a special effort must have been made by the central and branch honorary treasurers during this last difficult financial year to help the Society's beneficiaries. But further efforts are surely possible to increase the income of this, the only medical charity operating in Ireland. Its work is the beneficent one of granting help to our broken brethren, aid to their widows, and assistance to their orphans. It is worthy of the most generous support of the profession. The number of grants awarded during the year was ninety-five, as compared with eighty-seven in 1931, and the total amount distributed was £2,426. 10s., an increase of £272. 10s. on the previous year. The average amount of the grants has risen to £25. 10s., an increase of 15s. 8d. There were eight medical men among the beneficiaries, who including dependants, totalled 228. The relatively small sum of money involved does not reflect great credit on the generosity of the medical profession in Ireland. Some whole counties give no support to it at all, while others, not always the poorest, do little. The need for support is great, and we would appeal to our readers to remember this charity when disbursing of their bounty to the poor. The honorary treasurers for Northern Ireland are: Co. Antrim, Dr. V. G. L. Fielden; Co. Armagh, Dr. W. J. Dawson, Newtownhamilton, and Dr. Dougan, Portadown; Co. Down, Dr. Nolan, Downpatrick; Co. Londonderry, Dr. J. W. Killen, Londonderry; Co. Tyrone, Dr. R. H. C. Lyons, Dungannon; Co. Fermanagh, Dr. Leonard Kidd, Enniskillen. Any of these gentlemen would acknowledge subscriptions, which would be gratefully received.